

**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND  
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**PLAN OF THE WEEK  
16 MAY 01 – 22 MAY 01**

**ALL ORDERS, INSTRUCTIONS AND ITEMS OF PERTINENT INTEREST SET FORTH HEREIN  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT DEPARTMENT/DIVISION MEETINGS. ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING  
THE PLAN OF THE WEEK AND OBEYING APPLICABLE ORDERS.**

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NAVAIR INSPECTOR GENERAL HOTLINE:  
NAVY FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE HOTLINE:  
NAVY SEXUAL HARASSMENT ADVICE LINE:  
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**CARRY OUT DAILY ROUTINE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS**

**ARMED FORCES WEEK 13-19 MAY:** The following is the text of a message from President George W. Bush to the U.S. Military: "I am proud to offer my sincere thanks during Armed Forces Week to the brave men and women who protect our nation. During the past several months, I have been privileged to witness personally the depth of your dedication and the strength of your character. The professional manner in which you conduct your duties, your can-do spirit, and your sense of patriotism all reflect the fact that our Armed Forces are second to none in the world. In a world of both existing and emerging threats, you provide a strong and steady defense. Because of you, America is a secure nation where our citizens can hope, dream, and live their lives in freedom. On behalf of all Americans this Armed Forces Week, I salute you for the tremendous contributions you make to our nation's defense. You are guardians of peace and liberty and have the thanks of a grateful nation. May God bless you all. George W. Bush"

**CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER- THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS:** On your mark, get set, go. The clock is ticking and in a few seconds the Memorial Day weekend will begin. It's time to pack up your spouse and kids and put as much distance as possible between you and home. To save on time you call ahead and have them waiting by the curb with a cup of java and their bags packed. The mission... go, go, go. If this sounds too frantic consider calling a few buddies to get up a game of softball or basketball. How about a day on the water? Off-road driving anyone? If you play your cards right you may be able to fit it all in. But hold on! Is this the way to start the first holiday weekend of the summer? Many do, with deadly results. So many people are killed in the period beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend that it has come to be called "The Critical Days of Summer". Last year we lost 51 Sailors and Marines in traffic and other off-duty mishaps from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. If you don't want to be a statistic take action now. Think about control options. Delay that long drive home until you're rested. Coffee will not keep you awake. Maintain proper speed and following distance and don't forget to buckle up. If road or weather conditions change, making it unsafe to drive, pull over and relax. Don't overdo it on the softball field or basketball court. Conditioning is essential, stretch before and after play. Remember the old saying; you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. The same holds true for risk management training. You've had the training and know the drill so now it's time to apply what you've learned. Manage the risks and take the word "critical" out of the critical days of summer.

**HAZARD ALERT - 15 PASSENGER VAN:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently announced a cautionary warning to operators of 15 passenger vans. NHTSA'S analysis revealed that 15 passenger vans have a rollover risk similar to other light trucks and vans when carrying a small number of passengers. In 15 passenger vans, however, the risk of rollover increases dramatically as the number of occupants is increased from fewer than five to more than ten. Loading the 15 passenger van

causes the center of gravity to shift rearward and upward, increasing the likelihood of rollover. The shift in the center of gravity additionally increases the potential for loss of control in panic maneuvers. It is important that these vans be operated by experienced drivers. Operators of these vehicles are not required to possess a commercial driver's license. It is strongly recommended, however, that drivers attend the American Automobile (AAA) Driver Improvement Program prior to operation. Drivers should understand and be familiar with the handling characteristics of these vans, especially when fully loaded. Wearing safety belts dramatically increases the chances of survival during a rollover. Individuals riding as passengers in these vans, as well as drivers, are required to wear a safety belt at all times. See ALSAFE 015/01 for further information.

**NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER (NFO) TO PILOT PROGRAM**: In response to overwhelming fleet interest, NAVADMIN 101/01 announces the reinstatement of the NFO to pilot transition program. This program is open to all NFO's regardless of community and will select between 12-36 candidates annually. The selection process will take into account year group and community inventories for both pilots and NFO's in order to ensure sufficient inventories are available to meet community requirements. However, the primary goal will be to select the most highly qualified applicants. The NFO to pilot selection board will be conducted annually with the first board scheduled for **07 August 01**.

Eligibility criteria to qualify for NFO program:

- A. Have less than 5 1/2 years of commissioned service when board convenes.
- B. Have not passed 31st birthday when board convenes.
- C. Have served at least 18 months in first fleet squadron when board convenes.
- D. Meet pilot aviation selection test battery (ASTB) standards.
- E. May not have been previously disenrolled from any military flight training program for any reason other than temporary physical disqualification.

Applications shall be submitted to PERS-432E no later than thirty days prior to board convening date. Further information can be obtained through NAVADMIN 101/01 available at [www.bupers.navy.mil](http://www.bupers.navy.mil).

**THIS WEEK IN NAVAL HISTORY**: - MAY 15, 1991: An Amphibious Task Force arrives at Chittagong, Bangladesh, for relief operations after being hit by Cyclone Marian.

- MAY 16, 1820: The Frigate, USS Congress sails from Hampton Roads, VA, to become the first U.S. Naval vessel to visit China. The ship arrived in December 1820.

- MAY 17, 1987: While on radar picket duty in the Persian Gulf, USS Stark (FFG 31) is hit by two Iraqi Exocet Missiles 80 miles northeast of Bahrain. Thirty-seven crewmen are killed. Damage control efforts save the ship despite a fire hot enough to melt parts of the aluminum superstructure (1,800 degrees Fahrenheit) and a 16-degree list to port.

- MAY 18, 1969: Apollo 10 launches, a dress rehearsal for the first Lunar landing. The pilot of the Command Module was Navy CDR John Young, and the Lunar Module Pilot was Navy CDR Eugene Cernan. The craft made 31 Lunar Orbits in 61.6 hours over an eight day mission. Recovery was by Helicopters from USS Princeton (LPH 5).

- MAY 19, 1912: The cruiser USS Birmingham (CL 2) begins the first American Ice Patrol in the North Atlantic. That such a patrol was needed was made evident by the sinking of RMS Titanic a month earlier.

- MAY 20, 1965: Units from the U.S. 7th Fleet bombard the shores of South Vietnam. This was the Navy's first use of Naval gunfire since the Korean War.

**MEDAL OF HONOR**: In the month of May we would like to recognize Medal of Honor recipients. The President, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,400 Medals of Honor to our nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen since the decoration's creation in 1861. This week we honor Private Nels Wold, U.S. Army, Company I, 138th Infantry, 35th Division during WWI. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on 26 September 1918 with the following citation: "He rendered most gallant service in aiding the advance of his company, which had been held up by machinegun nests, advancing, with 1 other soldier, and silencing the guns, bringing with him, upon his return, 11 prisoners. Later the same day he jumped from a trench and rescued a comrade who was about to be shot by a German officer, killing the officer during the exploit. His actions were entirely voluntary, and it was while attempting to rush a 5th machinegun nest that he was killed. The advance of his company was mainly due to his great courage and devotion to duty."

**NAVY COLLEGE OFFICE FAIR**: The annual Navy College Office College Fair will be on held on Thursday, June 7th, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Building 2189, Room 120. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet with representatives from local colleges and universities (both on base and off base schools). Stop by the fair and obtain degree information, specific course information, enrollment procedures, and learn about all of the different educational opportunities you have at your local colleges. The following schools will be participating: Bowie State University, Central Michigan University, College of Southern Maryland, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Institute of Technology, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Towson University, University of Maryland College Park, and University of Maryland University College.

**FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER UPCOMING SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS**. The seminars/workshops are open to active duty, retired military personnel and their family members, and DOD Civil Service employees and their spouses. There is no charge; however, reservations are necessary, as seating is limited. Also, FFSC will bring professional/general development training to your organization that meets your needs, whenever you need them. Please call FFSC at 342-4911 for reservations or for more information. For further information see the monthly newsletter. **Child Care: Reimbursement for E-1 through E-5 is available for workshops. Parents must pick up the necessary paperwork prior to the event.**

Retired Activities - Monday-Friday, 1515-1700  
Amazing Newborns – May 22, 1000-1200  
A Group for Today's Men – May 22, 29, 1300-1400  
Love Shouldn't Hurt – May 23, 0900-1500  
Basic Budgeting – May 23, 0900-1000  
Mortgage Financing Explained – May 24, 1500-1700  
Play Group(Outside) May 24, 31, 1130-1230

Cholesterol Watch – May 21, 1330-1500  
Humor, Risk, and Change – May 22 – 0900-1100  
Anger Management – May 23, 1400-1500  
Mini Job Fair – May 23, 1100-1300  
Decision Making – May 23, 15000-1630  
Federal Job Application – May 24, 0900-1100  
Budgeting for Baby – May 30, 1000-1200

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